

e-mail received October 13, 2011

from: Tony Taylor

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Hello Ms. Moore: I had intended to go to the meeting today at CBS with regards to the LA River. However, I was told reservations were closed.

I have been going to the LA River since the late 1970's, when it was not fashionable. Over the years I have seen many things there, lots of gangsters, lots of off leash dogs chasing the wildlife and being a nuisance, lots of disagreeable dog owners, people with guns, people taking delight in harassing the wildlife, people letting their children harass the wildlife, lots of trash everywhere, lots of graffiti, a young man who committed suicide by hanging himself in a tree, a young man who was fishing in the river, lost his pole and went into the water to retrieve it and became trapped and drowned, lots of graffiti, lots of homeless people living along the river banks, homeless people living in drains and on islands in the river. I have been assaulted at least five times, had my cell phone stolen twice and thrown into the river, had my camera broken twice and thrown into the river, been attacked by a pack of 5 off leash dogs (which their owner thought very funny), saw others assaulted, saw dogs that were being walked properly attacked by off leash dogs and attackers owners not even saying "i'm sorry" or offering to pay vet bills. Caught 3 Canada Geese with fishing lines on their legs and most recently one that had been shot. Begged for years for signs listing do and don't at the river, begged for security at the river, begged for some known way to alert first responders all to no avail. Went to way to many meetings about the river and over and over told city council members, community people, congressmen and others of these problems only to have my words fall on deaf ears. Talked to the US Army Corps about many of these problems only to be told they are not their problem. Talked to the US Army Corps about the stupid things they do at the river-like now where they are spending tons of money that we do not have on a stupid program to eradicate the bamboo type growth in the river bed, including their use of chemicals to try to kill it and asked for signage warning river goes of this program and the use of chemicals that could be harmful to them, their children, their dogs, etc., only to have that fall on deaf ears too.

Miss Moore what is needed at the river is not more grandiose talk, talk, talk, and saying look how wonderful I am, but rather common sense things and immediate action to address the problems and coming up with solutions to them, implementing them and developing and making known the rules for use of the river.

I have no illusions that that will ever happen but did want to express my thoughts.

Thank you, Tony Taylor

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Email received October 21, 2011

From: Loretta Hanson

*verbatim, except email address removed *

Hello: Concerning the revitalization of the LA River.....as long as California

is broke with a huge deficit.....I AM OPPOSED TO SPENDING ANY

MORE \$\$ ON ANYTHING until we get our finances in line. The Legislature has already spent too much money without concern to the consequences. Like most of us who have to live on a budget, the Legislature should also live within our means.

DO NOT SPEND ANY MORE MONEY ON ANYTHING!!!

Please post my comments!

Loretta Hanson